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APPROPRIATELY SUPPRESSING SIDE
FRINGING AND METHOD FOR
FABRICATING THE SAME

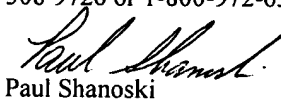
LETTER

Dear Mr. Hiromi:

You are named as a legal representative of Mr. Masaki Ikegami, a joint inventor in the above-identified United States patent application filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code) and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application, Mr. Howard will be designated therein as a joint inventor.

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